

2000 No. 1433

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment)
Regulations 2000**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>25th May 2000</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>31st May 2000</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>26th June 2000</i>

The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 49, 51(1) and 53(5) of the Road Traffic Act 1988(a) and by virtue of the Department of Transport (Fees) Order 1988(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 195 (2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force on 26th June 2000.

Preliminary

2. The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988(c) shall be further amended as follows.

Amendments to regulation 3 (interpretation)

3. In regulation 3(1) in the sub-paragraph which begins with the expression “agricultural motor vehicle,” there shall be inserted after the expression “engineering plant,” the expression “exhaust system.”

Amendment to regulation 8 (conditions of acceptance of vehicle)

4.—(1) Regulation 8 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) the word “or” immediately following sub-paragraph (o) shall be omitted; and

(a) 1988 c. 52. Sections 49 and 51 were amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 41), Schedule 4, paragraph 54 and Schedule 8.
(b) S.I. 1988/643, which was made under section 102 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1987 (c. 51). The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1995/1684 and the relevant entry in Table III of Schedule 1 is item 3.
(c) S.I. 1988/1478; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1989/1693, 1990/448, 1992/2447, 1993/2048 and 3013, 1997/82 and 263 and 1998/1671.

(b) after sub-paragraph (p) there shall be added the following—

“; or

(q) the vehicle is a vehicle propelled by a compression ignition engine to which regulation 61(10BA) of the Construction and Use Regulations^(a) applies and the exhaust system has been so altered that the examiner is not able, with the facilities and apparatus available to him at the place at which the examination would otherwise be carried out, to determine whether Part II of Schedule 7B to those Regulations applies to the vehicle”.

Amendment to Part VI (miscellaneous matters)

5. After regulation 42 there shall be added the following regulation—

“Provisions as to signatures

42A. Any plating certificate, goods vehicle test certificate, notice of the refusal of a goods vehicle test certificate or certificate of temporary exemption which has been issued under the provisions of these Regulations and which bears a facsimile, by whatever process reproduced, of the signature of, as the case may be, the relevant goods vehicle examiner, authorised or appointed person or appeal officer, shall be deemed to have been duly signed.”

Amendments relating to fees

6.—(1) In regulation 12, in paragraph (3), for the Table there shall be substituted the following Table—

“TABLE

<i>Description of vehicle</i>	<i>Fee (£)</i>
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	37
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	38.50
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	40.50
Trailer with 1 axle	19
Trailer with 2 axles	20
Trailer with 3 or more axles	21”

(2) In the regulations specified in column (1) of the following Table for the amounts specified in column (2) there shall be substituted the amounts specified in column (3).

(a) S.I. 1986/1078; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1995/2210.

TABLE

<i>(1)</i> <i>Regulation</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Existing amount (£)</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Substituted amount (£)</i>
12(4)	19.50	21
	12.30	13
12(4A)	6.25	7
	3.20	3.50
16(1)	17.60	19
	8.80	10
16(3)	17.60	19
	8.80	10
16(4)	9.80	10
	6.10	6.50
16(4A)	3.50	4
	1.60	2
16(5)	19.50	21
	12.30	13
16(5A)	6.25	7
	3.20	3.50
34(1)	13.50	14
34(2A)	3.50	4
	1.60	2
37B(2)	13.50	14
41(1)	9.50	10

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

25th May 2000

Larry Whitty
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988 (“the 1988 Regulations”).

Regulation 3 makes a consequential amendment to regulation 3 (interpretation) of the 1988 Regulations.

Regulation 4 amends regulation 8 of the 1988 Regulations to the effect that an examiner is under no obligation to carry out an examination on certain motor vehicles propelled by diesel engines where an exhaust system has been so altered that with the facilities and apparatus available to him he is unable to test the exhaust emissions immediately after leaving that exhaust system.

Regulation 5 amends Part VI (miscellaneous matters) of the 1988 Regulations by adding a new regulation 42A. This provides that any plating certificate, goods vehicle test certificate, notice of the refusal of a goods vehicle test certificate or certificate of temporary exemption is deemed to be duly signed if it bears a facsimile of the signature of the relevant goods vehicle examiner, authorised or appointed person or appeal officer.

Regulation 6 makes extensive amendments relating to fees.

The fee payable on an application for a first examination or periodical test undergoes the changes shown in the Table below (with the percentage increase shown in brackets). However, where the appointment for such an examination or test is, at the applicant’s request, “out of hours”, the supplement to the normal fee is increased by 7.7% from £19.50 to £21 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 5.7% from £12.30 to £13 in the case of a trailer. Where the vehicle testing station appointed for such an examination or test is, at the applicant’s request, not one provided by the Secretary of State, the supplement or, in a case which is “out of hours”, further supplement, is increased by 12% from £6.25 to £7 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 9.4% from £3.20 to £3.50 in the case of a trailer.

The fee for a re-test or further re-test within 14 days after the first examination or earlier re-test is increased by 8% from £17.60 to £19 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 13.6% from £8.80 to £10 in the case of a trailer. However, where the appointment for such a re-test is, at the applicant’s request “out of hours”, the supplement to the normal fee is increased by 2% from £9.80 to £10 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 6.6% from £6.10 to £6.50 in the case of a trailer. Where the vehicle testing station appointed for such a re-test or further re-test is, at the applicant’s request, not one provided by the Secretary of State, the supplement or, in a case which is “out of hours”, further supplement, is increased by 14.3% from £3.50 to £4 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 25% from £1.60 to £2 in the case of a trailer.

The fee for a re-test in other circumstances undergoes the changes shown in the Table below, save that the supplement for such a re-test, where the appointment is, at the applicant’s request, “out of hours”, is increased by 7.7% from £19.50 to £21 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 5.7% from £12.30 to £13 in the case of a trailer. Where the vehicle testing station appointed for a re-test is, at the applicant’s request, not one provided by the Secretary of State, the supplement or, in a case which is “out of hours”, further supplement, is increased by 12% from £6.25 to £7 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 9.4% from £3.20 to £3.50 in the case of a trailer.

TABLE

<i>Description of vehicle</i>	<i>Old Fee (£)</i>	<i>New Fee (£)</i>
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	35.20	37 (5.1%)
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	36.30	38.50 (6.1%)
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	38.20	40.50 (6%)
Trailer with 1 axle	17.60	19 (8%)
Trailer with 2 axles	18.70	20 (7%)
Trailer with 3 or more axles	19.70	21 (6.2%)

The fee payable on a request for an amendment to a plating certificate following a notifiable alteration or for a re-examination where a particular in the certificate is or may be no longer applicable is increased by 3.7% from £13.50 to £14. However where an appointment for a re-examination following a notifiable alteration or with a view to amendment of a plating certificate is, at the applicant's request, "out of hours", the supplement to the normal fee remains unchanged at £8.40. Where the vehicle testing station appointed for such a re-examination is, at the applicant's request, not one provided by the Secretary of State, the supplement or, in a case which is "out of hours", further supplement, is increased by 14.3% from £3.50 to £4 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 25% from £1.60 to £2 in the case of a trailer.

The fee payable for the alteration of the plated weights (or any of the plated weights) for a vehicle without an examination is increased by 3.7% from £13.50 to £14.

Where an applicant for an examination cannot or does not propose to proceed with the examination and gives the Secretary of State notice under regulation 39(3)(b)(ii) that no other examination of the same kind is required the fee payable remains unchanged at £1.50.

A regulatory impact assessment has been prepared and copies can be obtained from the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Zone 2/05, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR (Telephone: 020 7944 2467). A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.

2000 No. 1433

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment)
Regulations 2000**

£2.00

© Crown copyright 2000

Printed and published in the UK by The Stationery Office Limited
under the authority and superintendence of Carol Tullo,
Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office and Queen's Printer of
Acts of Parliament

E 1136 06/00 ON (MFK)